

VSP Public Comment

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To: McDannold, Bruce
Subject: Testimony for Diebold/ES&S

Dear Mr. McDannold:

I appeared at the public hearing on June 16 but had to leave before I could speak before the panel. I request that you place the following statement from me into the record.

The courtesy of a reply is requested. Thank you.

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Dear VSPP Members:

I have no confidence in the security or accuracy of the Electronic voting machines being discussed (Diebold and ES&S). Despite the staff speaker's attempt to lull our fears by technical blandishments, the guts of these systems are still inherently unchanged and untrustworthy.

As the election results in Ohio and other states in 2004 so clearly demonstrated, electronic voting machines were unreliable at best and, in my opinion and the opinion of other technically qualified people who examined them, were blatantly fraudulent in their counting of the vote. As a result, these companies have lost what the faith and trust of the American people who know about them.

Computer scientists from Stanford, UC Berkeley, Silicon Valley and today's guest experts as a group have made abundantly clear that, with proprietary secret software and no paper trail, our voting system is in the hands of the corporation, not the people. It is riddled with corruption, easily hacked into and susceptible to partisan Trojan programs. It really doesn't matter what the touchscreen says and without mandatory recounts, it really doesn't matter what the paper ballot says, if the guts of the machine and the guts of the prime tabulator are hidden from public inspection. Anything can be put in and anything else can come out the other end.

People are already disaffected regarding the security and accuracy and validity of their vote. We need and deserve a system that is absolutely secure and not one that has been developed by a company with known partisan affiliations, a history of corrupt software and hiring of felons and a pattern of unreliability.

An "enhanced" version of basically bogus software does not instill confidence. If a house's foundation is riddled with holes, no amount of patches or fixes or fancy paint will resolve the basic problem. This company and its products are not worth the slightest investment of our tax dollars. I urge you to reject these machines and put into place a system that is reliable, traceable, transparent and secure and restore democracy. Given the testimony heard today and the problems that continue to be uncovered from these machines and these companies, any other decision you make will show that you serve another master than the people of California.

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"You think that you want to have money, but you really want to have the ability to get rid of money and get something truly valuable for it, like food, water, shelter, healing, protection, comfort, communication, and the inspiration and connection to immortality that the arts represent." Elizabeth Whitney

"Thou shalt not be a victim. Thou shalt not be a perpetrator. Above all, thou shalt not be a bystander." Holocaust Museum, Washington, DC

"I arise in the morning,
torn between a desire to save the world,
and a desire to savor the world.
That makes it hard to plan the day."

-- E.B. White